

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: **Shinji UCHIDA**

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For: **SOCKET FOR CONNECTOR**

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

Prior to the calculation of the filing fees of the above application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 10 and 11 as follows:

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cont.

10. (Amended) The socket for a connector according to any of Claims 1, 2, 5, 6 and 7, wherein the plug is a plug for an optical connector and the connector element is an optical element.

11. (Amended) The socket for a connector according to any of Claims 1, 2, 5, 6 and 7, wherein the plug is a plug for an electric connector and the connector element is an electric connector element.